



General Assembly

***Raised Bill No. 3***

***February Session, 2006***

LCO No. **531**

\*       SB00003HS\_JUD031706       \*

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:  
(KID)

***AN ACT DESIGNATING FOSTER PARENTS AS MANDATED  
REPORTERS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 17a-101 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2       following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

3       (a) The public policy of this state is: To protect children whose  
4       health and welfare may be adversely affected through injury and  
5       neglect; to strengthen the family and to make the home safe for  
6       children by enhancing the parental capacity for good child care; to  
7       provide a temporary or permanent nurturing and safe environment for  
8       children when necessary; and for these purposes to require the  
9       reporting of suspected child abuse and neglect, investigation of such  
10      reports by a social agency, and provision of services, where needed, to  
11      such child and family.

12      (b) The following persons shall be mandated reporters: Any  
13      physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, any  
14      resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether or not

15 so licensed, any registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical  
 16 examiner, dentist, dental hygienist, psychologist, coach of intramural  
 17 or interscholastic athletics, school teacher, school principal, school  
 18 guidance counselor, school paraprofessional, school coach, social  
 19 worker, police officer, juvenile or adult probation officer, juvenile or  
 20 adult parole officer, member of the clergy, pharmacist, physical  
 21 therapist, optometrist, chiropractor, podiatrist, mental health  
 22 professional or physician assistant, any person who is a licensed or  
 23 certified emergency medical services provider, any person who is a  
 24 licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor, any person who is a  
 25 licensed marital and family therapist, any person who is a sexual  
 26 assault counselor or a battered women's counselor as defined in  
 27 section 52-146k, any person who is a licensed professional counselor,  
 28 any person paid to care for a child in any public or private facility,  
 29 child day care center, group day care home or family day care home  
 30 licensed by the state, any employee of the Department of Children and  
 31 Families, any employee of the Department of Public Health who is  
 32 responsible for the licensing of child day care centers, group day care  
 33 homes, family day care homes or youth camps, the Child Advocate,  
 34 [and] any employee of the Office of the Child Advocate and any foster  
 35 parent.

36 (c) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall develop an  
 37 educational training program for the accurate and prompt  
 38 identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect. Such training  
 39 program shall be made available to all persons mandated to report  
 40 child abuse and neglect at various times and locations throughout the  
 41 state as determined by the Commissioner of Children and Families.

42 (d) Any mandated reporter, as defined in subsection (b) of this  
 43 section, who fails to report to the Commissioner of Children and  
 44 Families pursuant to section 17a-101a shall be required to participate in  
 45 an educational and training program established by the commissioner.  
 46 The program may be provided by one or more private organizations  
 47 approved by the commissioner, provided the entire costs of the

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	17a-101
-----------	------------------------	---------

*HS Joint Favorable C/R JUD*